

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 35 and 37 will have been amended and new claims 39 - 49 will have been added. Claims 1 and 25 - 34 will have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein. In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending, in due course.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over BOHACEK et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,687). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 35, as amended, requires performing an analysis with respect to a number of words used and/or a method of contact. BOHACEK et al. do not disclose or suggest such an analysis. Claims 39 and 45 merely require an analysis of the number of words used. BOHACEK et al. do not disclose or suggest such an analysis.

Dependent claims 36 - 38, 40 - 44, and 46 - 49 are allowable, at least because each depends from an allowable independent claim, as well as for additional reasons related to their own recitations.

Accordingly, for at least the above-noted reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of claims 35 as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims pending in the present application.

New claims 39 - 49 do not add any prohibited new matter.

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Entry of the amendment is believed to be proper even though the present application is subject to a final rejection because the amendments to the claims are not believed to raise any new issues that would require further consideration or search.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an indication to that effect. Applicants have amended the claim set to clarify the features of the present invention. Applicants have also discussed the features recited in applicants' claims and have shown how these features are not taught, disclosed nor rendered obvious by the references applied by the Examiner.


Any amendments to the claims, or addition or cancellation of claims, which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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